

CITY OF CROWLEY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, the governing authority of the City of Crowley, met in a regular session at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday the 18th day of November 2025 at the regular meeting place of said Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Council Chambers, 426 North Avenue F, Crowley, Louisiana.

Mayor Chad Monceaux presided with the following Aldermen present: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Thompson Bradford Core, Jeff Doré, Sandra Marx, Byron K. Wilridge Sr, and Vernon Martin.

Alderman Dickie Latiolais and Alderman Samuel J. Reggie III were absent.

Alderman Chuck Ashby gave the invocation. Mr. Steve Bandy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Chad Monceaux opened the public hearing to consider proposed Ordinance No. 1552
The Ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT PROVISIONS OF "CHAPTER 3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO RAISE THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE CONTAINED THEREIN TO TWENTY-ONE (21) TO COMPORT WITH STATE LAW AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SECTIONS 3-1; 3-3; 3-5; 3-6; 3-20; 3-23; 3-26; AND 3-27 THEREOF TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS ALLOWING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON SITE IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AND PERMITTEDD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 3; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

City Attorney Micheal Landry asked for proponents to the proposed Ordinance No. 1552. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. A call for opponents of the proposed Ordinance No. 1552 was made. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. City Attorney Micheal Landry called the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1552 to a close.

Mayor Chad Monceaux opened the public hearing to consider proposed Ordinance No. 1553
The Ordinance was read by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10; ARTICLE II; DIVISION 1.5; SEC. 10-30 TO ADJUST THE SEWER USER FEES AND RATES TO ADOPT THE RATE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE REVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL SEWER USER FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE DETERMINED UPON THE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATION OF THE NECESSARY RATE BY THE CITY CLERK, CITY

ENGINEER, CITY CPA, AND CITY AUDITOR; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

City Attorney Micheal Landry asked for proponents to the proposed Ordinance No. 1553. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. A call for opponents of the proposed Ordinance No. 1553 was made. A third and final call was made with no one coming forward to speak. City Attorney Micheal Landry called the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1553 to a close and Mayor Chad Monceaux called reconvened the regular Council meeting.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Vernon Martin moved to dispense with the reading of the October 21, 2025, Regular Council meeting seconded by Alderman Brad Core and duly adopted.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Monceaux presented the Sales Tax chart and User Fee chart that track the collection trend.

Mayor Monceaux presented the status report of audit findings for fiscal year 2024.

Mayor Monceaux presented the monthly budget-to-actual comparisons through October 31, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITY COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderman Jeff Dore to adopt a resolution authorizing the preparation and submittal of a full application, committing local matching funds for construction contract(s), grant administration, and engineering services, and authorizing the Mayor to enter contracts for necessary professional design and grant administration services for the “Ammonia-Nitrogen Treatment System Improvements for the Waste Water Treatment Facility” project under FY 2026-2027 LCDBG program. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Dickie Latiolais and Samuel Reggie III were absent; the motion was carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND COMMITTING THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO PAY THE COST OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS WHICH EXCEED THE MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE “*AMMONIA-NITROGEN TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY*” UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has determined that it is reasonable and necessary to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing, comments and questions were taken for the purpose of assessing the community's needs and developing a consensus; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman having determined that the ammonia-nitrogen treatment system improvements at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility will be most beneficial for the citizens of the City of Crowley;

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley's Project Severity pre-application scored well enough for the City to be invited by the Louisiana Office of Community Development to submit a full application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that they do hereby authorize an application to be prepared and submitted to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program under the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 funding period for Ammonia-Nitrogen Treatment System Improvements at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City hereby commits local matching funds in the estimated amount of \$800,000 to \$850,000 to pay for any construction costs that exceed the maximum grant amount, for the grant administration consulting services fees and other administrative costs associated with the project, and for the cost of all engineering services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Chad Monceaux, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign and submit the application for funding and all necessary documents in connection with the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enter into contracts for the required engineering services and grant administration services for said project.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Alderman Vernon Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sandra Marx to adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application and granting authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents, and committing the City of Crowley to a local match of 41% of the total project cost for construction, engineering & grant administration, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts for professional services for the "New Pump Station at Cedar Street Detention Basin" under the fiscal year 2026-2027 Water Sector program – Phase 2. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Dickie Latiolais and Samuel Reggie III were absent; the motion was carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND COMMITTING THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO A LOCAL MATCH OF 41% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST FOR CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING & GRANT ADMINISTRATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE "NEW PUMP STATION AT CEDAR STREET DETENTION BASIN" UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 WATER SECTOR PROGRAM – PHASE 2

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has determined that it is reasonable and necessary to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Water Sector Program – Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman having determined that a new pump station at the Cedar Street Detention Basin will be most beneficial for the citizens of the City of Crowley to address Sewer System Overflows (SSOs) in the Ash Street/Avenue M/Avenue O area of the sewerage collection system;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley that they do hereby authorize an application to be prepared and submitted to the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Water Sector Program – Phase 2 for a New Pump Station at the Cedar Street Detention Basin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order for the City to gain 9 extra points in the highly competitive Water Sector Program application rating system, City hereby commits local matching funds at a minimum of 41% of the total project cost, the total project cost being estimated at \$2,000,000 for construction, engineering, grant administration and other administrative costs associated with the project, said local matching funds estimated at \$820,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Chad Monceaux, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to sign and submit the application for funding and all necessary documents in connection with the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Water Sector Program – Phase 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enter into contracts for the required engineering services and grant administration services for said project.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was duly adopted.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:
A motion was made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve the renewal applications for the 2025 and 2026 Beer and Liquor Licenses, as listed below:

Renewal Applications

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Licenses Applied For</u>
Eldorado Mexican Restaurant, LLC	Carlos A Martinez-Hernandez	2307 N Parkerson	2025 Class A Retail Beer 2025 Class A Retail Liquor
The Canteen of Crowley	Lee Richard	322 S. Eastern Ave	2025 Class A Retail Beer
Southside Cajun Kitchen	Todd Leonarda	518 S Eastern Ave	2026 Class A Retail Beer
Guidry's Package Liquor	Rebecca Guidry	505 West 8 th Street	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor
Rice City Supermarket	Lee Richard	620 S. Eastern Ave	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
Cuccio's Food Mart	Ricky Cuccio	1125 N. Avenue G	2026 Class B Package Beer

Gil's at I-10 E. Crowley	Michael Guillory	131 Oddfellows Rd.	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
Gil's Sports Bar	Michael Guillory	131 B. Oddfellows Rd.	2026 Class A Retail Beer
South Crowley Pantry	Debbie Broussard	904 S. Parkerson Ave.	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
Rice City Chevron	Ramzon Ali	530 N. Eastern Ave.	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
The Vanilla Bean, LLC.	Darlene Thibodeaux	414 N. Parkerson Ave.	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor
Cajun Mart	Noorali Lalane	109 S. Eastern Ave.	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
Crowley Corner Express	Noorali Lalane	705 S. Eastern Ave.	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
Louisiana C-Store Mgmt. Associates LLC dba Crowley Truck Stop	David Bulloch	9002 S. Hwy 13`	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
Crowley Town Club, Inc.	Delo Hebert	625 Crowley Rayne Hwy	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor
Allons Mange	Audie Hanks	165 Oddfellows Rd. Suite B	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor
Walgreen Louisiana Co. dba Walgreens #10399	Brittany A. Mack	806 Oddfellows Rd.	2026 Class B Package Beer 2026 Class B Package Liquor
American Patriot	Laura Wilder	322 S. Eastern Ave.	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor
Brinker Louisiana, Inc. dba Chill's Grill & Bar	Seth James Duhon	827 Oddfellows Rd	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor
Geaux 3 LLC dba Racks Sports Bar	Dean Comeaux	19033 Crowley Eunice Hwy.	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor
Gil's Daiquiri Shack	Michael Guillory	731 A Oddfellows Rd	2026 Class A Retail Beer 2026 Class A Retail Liquor

Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Samuel Reggie and Alderman Dickie Latiolais were absent; the motion was carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Byron Wilridge and seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Marx to approve the application for Payment No. 11 to Prestige Construction Group, LLC for the Urban Park and Pavilion Project, in the amount of \$196,001.91. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; Alderman Vernon Martin opposed; Alderman Dickie Latiolais and Alderman Samuel Reggie were absent; the motion was carried.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Alderman Chuck Ashby and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to approve an appropriation from traffic enforcement detail revenue for the police department to purchase crime cameras in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. The motion having been submitted to a voice vote; the motion was carried.

ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Vernon Martin to adopt an ordinance to amend and re-enact provisions of “chapter 3 alcoholic beverages” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley to raise the legal drinking age contained therein to twenty-one (21) to comport with state law and to amend and supplement sections 3-1; 3-3; 3-5; 3-6; 3-20; 3-23; 3-26; and 3-27 thereof to provide for the regulation of certain establishments allowing the consumption of alcohol on site in the same manner as other establishments required to be licensed and permitted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary thereto or in conflict therewith; to provide for the provisions hereof to be severable; and to provide for all matters relative thereto. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. A roll was called with the vote as follows:

Yeas: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Jeff Dore, Vernon Martin, Brad Core and Bryon Wilridge.
Nays: None.

Absent: Dickie Latiolais and Samuel Reggie.

Abstained: None.

The ordinance passed by a vote of 0 nays, 2 absent and 7 yeas. The ordinance carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1552

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT PROVISIONS OF “CHAPTER 3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY TO RAISE THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE CONTAINED THEREIN TO TWENTY-ONE (21) TO COMPORT WITH STATE LAW AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SECTIONS 3-1; 3-3; 3-5; 3-6; 3-20; 3-23; 3-26; AND 3-27 THEREOF TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS ALLOWING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON SITE IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AND PERMITTEDD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 3; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Crowley and its citizens that the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages and those businesses or premises where alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed be regulated;

WHEREAS, “Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances of the City Of Crowley currently provides such regulations but is inconsistent with state law in some respects and fails to clearly provide a means of regulating certain types of businesses where alcoholic beverages may be consumed by parties in or on the premises but not directly sold by the proprietor;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Crowley that “Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances of the City Of Crowley be amended so as to make it consistent with state law and so as to clearly provide for the regulation of certain types of businesses where alcoholic beverages may be consumed by parties in or on the premises but not directly sold by the proprietor;

WHEREAS, this ordinance was duly introduced and notice of the intent to adopt this ordinance and of the public hearing held in connection therewith has been published in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law in regular session on the 18th day of November, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. at Council Chambers in the Criminal Justice Building, Crowley, Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENED, THAT:

SECTION 1: That Sections 3-1; 3-3; 3-5; 3-6; 3-20; 3-23; 3-26; and 3-27 of “Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and they are hereby amended so as to read in their entirety as follows:

Sec. 3-1. Unlawful acts on licensed premises generally.

No person holding a retail dealer's permit and no servant, agent, or employee of the permittee shall do any of the following acts upon the licensed premises:

- (1) Sell or serve alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years, unless such person submits a driver's license, selective service card or other lawful identification which, on its face, establishes the age of the person as twenty-one (21) years or older and there is no reason to doubt the authenticity or correctness of the identification.
- (2) Sell or serve alcoholic beverages to any intoxicated person.
- (3) Intentionally entice, aid, or permit any person under the age of eighteen (18) years to visit or loiter in or about any place where alcoholic beverages are the principal commodities sold, handled, or given away. However, the provisions of this section shall in no way prohibit the presence of any person under the age of eighteen (18) years on or about a licensed premises for any function sponsored by a religious or charitable organization with tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States or by a fraternal beneficiary society with tax exempt status under section 501(c)(8) of the said code, and no alcoholic beverages are sold, handled, given away, or accessible during the presence of any such person.
- (4) Permit any prostitute to frequent the licensed premises, or to solicit patrons for prostitution on the licensed premises.
- (5) Permit any disturbance of the peace or obscenity, or any lewd, immoral, or improper entertainment, conduct, or practices on the licensed premises:
 - (a) Attire and conduct. The following acts or conduct on licensed premises are deemed to constitute lewd, immoral, or improper entertainment as prohibited by this section, and therefore no on-sale permit for alcoholic beverages shall be held at any premises where such conduct or acts are permitted:
 - (i) To employ or use any person in the sale or service of alcoholic beverages in or upon the licensed premises while such person is unclothed or in such attire, costume or clothing as to expose to view any portion of the female breast below the top of the areola or of any portion of the pubic hair, anus, cleft of the buttocks, vulva or genitals.
 - (ii) To employ or use the services of any hostess or other person to mingle with the patrons while such hostess or other person is unclothed or in such attire, costume or clothing as described in subparagraph (a)(i) above.

(iii) To encourage or permit any person on the licensed premises to touch, caress or fondle the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals of any other person.

(iv) To permit any employee or other person to wear or use any device or covering, exposed to view, which simulates the breast, genitals, anus, pubic hair or any portion thereof.

(b) Entertainers and conduct. Acts or conduct on licensed premises in violation of this section are deemed to constitute lewd, immoral, or improper entertainment as prohibited by this section, and therefore no on-sale permit for alcoholic beverages shall be held at any premises where such conduct and acts are permitted. Live entertainment is permitted on any licensed premises, except that:

(i) No permittee shall permit any person to perform acts of or acts which simulate:

(aa) Sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation or any sexual acts which are prohibited by law.

(bb) The touching, caressing or fondling of the breast, buttocks, anus or genitals.

(cc) The displaying of the pubic hair, anus, vulva, genitals, or nipple of the female breast.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (b)(i) hereof, entertainers whose breasts and/or buttocks are exposed to view shall perform only upon a stage at least eighteen (18) inches above the immediate floor level and removed at least three (3) feet from the nearest patron.

No permittee shall permit any person to use artificial devices or inanimate objects to depict any of the prohibited activities described above.

(c) Visual displays. The following acts or conduct on licensed premises are deemed to constitute lewd, immoral, or improper entertainment as prohibited by this section, and therefore no on-sale permit for alcoholic beverages shall be held at any premises where such conduct or acts are permitted: The showing of film, still pictures, electronic reproduction, or other visual reproductions depicting:

(i) Acts or simulated acts of sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation or any sexual acts which are prohibited by law.

(ii) Any person being touched, caressed or fondled on the breast, buttocks, anus or genitals.

(iii) Scenes wherein a person displays the vulva or the anus or the genitals.

(iv) Scenes wherein artificial devices or inanimate objects are employed to depict, or drawings are employed to portray, any of the prohibited activities described above.

(6) Sell, offer for sale, possess, or permit the consumption on the licensed premises of any kind or type of alcoholic beverages, the sale, or possession of which is not authorized under the permit.

(7) Intentionally conduct illegal gambling, as defined by law, on the premises described in the application for the permit.

(8) Employ or permit females, commonly known as B girls, to solicit patrons for drinks and to accept drinks from patrons and receive therefor any commission or any remuneration in any other way.

(9) Employ anyone under the age of eighteen (18) years who would be directly involved in the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or employ anyone under the age of eighteen (18) in any capacity in which the sale of alcoholic beverages constitutes the main business of the establishment. If the sale or handling of alcoholic beverages does not constitute the main business and alcoholic beverages are not sold for consumption on the premises, an employee under the age of eighteen (18) years may be permitted to participate in the sale of packaged alcoholic beverages to collect the price and taxes and issue receipts therefor and/or may be permitted to bag packaged alcoholic beverages, where immediate supervision is provided.

(10) Allow the sale, dispensing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages in any type of automatic mechanical vending machine activated by the use of a coin, token, or similar instrument. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to establishments exempt from holding permits under this chapter.

(11) Permit the playing of pool or billiards by any person under eighteen (18) years of age or permit such a person to frequent the licensed premises operating a pool or billiard hall.

(12) Illegally sell, offer for sale, possess, or permit the consumption on or about the licensed premises of any kind or type of narcotics or habit forming drugs.

(13) Accept food stamp coupons as payment for alcoholic beverages in violation of the provisions of Public Law 88-525 and Regulation 1600.2(i) issued pursuant to that section of the federal statute by the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Violation of this section by a retail dealer's agent, associate, employee, representative, or servant shall be considered the retail dealer's act for purposes of suspension or revocation of the permit.

Violation of this section is punishable as provided in section 1-8 and is also sufficient cause for the suspension or revocation of a permit.

Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by way of renewal, the governing authority may revoke or suspend such permit, as prescribed by this chapter, for violations of this section occurring during the permit period immediately preceding the issuance of such permit.

Sec. 3-3. Hours of sale and consumption.

(a) Sales generally. The sale of any intoxicating, spirituous, alcoholic, vinous or malt liquors, whether of more or less than six (6) per cent of alcohol by volume, is permitted every day except as hereinafter provided, restricted or prohibited. The prohibitions, exceptions and restrictions set out in this section shall have no application to those days upon which falls New Year's Eve from 6:00 p.m. thereof to 2:00 a.m. of the following day.

(b) Sales of beverages of high alcoholic content generally. Except as hereinafter provided, the sale of intoxicating, spirituous, alcoholic, vinous or malt liquors of an alcoholic content of more than six (6) per cent by volume between the hours of 2:00 a.m. on Sunday and 6:00 a.m. on Monday and between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is prohibited.

(c) Sales of beverages of low alcoholic content limited generally; exceptions. Except as hereinafter provided, the sale of intoxicating spirituous, alcoholic, vinous or malt liquors of an alcoholic content of less than six (6) per cent by volume between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is prohibited.

(d) Applicability of (a), (b) and (c). The prohibition contained in subsections (a), (b) and (c) shall not be applicable between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on Sunday in the City of Crowley, during which hours all license permittees shall be permitted to serve alcoholic beverages of low and high alcoholic content.

(e) Motels, etc. Motels, hotels and convention facilities shall be permitted to serve beverages described in subsection (c) between the hours of 12:00 noon Sunday and 12:00 midnight Sunday to legitimate groups, guests and other private functions, but shall be prohibited from opening bars or lounges to the general public, during the hours specified herein, for the purpose of selling the beverages described in subsections (b) and (c).

(f) Religious, etc., organizations. Religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans and other private clubs, organizations and facilities, which are nonprofit and tax exempt, licensed under the provisions of this article upon certification of a nonprofit and tax-exempt status by the city clerk shall be permitted to sell beverages described in subsection (c) between the hours of 6:00 a.m. on Sunday and 12:00 midnight on Sunday. The city clerk shall be required to verify this exempt status by permit, but shall not issue the permit unless the applicant shall have provided such clerk with the following information and documents:

- (1) A certified copy of the charter of organization, club or facility;
- (2) A current, accurate membership roster;
- (3) Evidence of tax-exempt status issued by the Internal Revenue Office of the United States, which evidence shall be in the form as is customarily provided by the Internal Revenue Service.

(g) Consumption of beverages of high or low alcoholic content. The consumption of intoxicating, spirituous, alcoholic, vinous or malt liquors, whether of more or less than six (6) per cent of alcohol by volume, in any establishment, provided said liquors were provided either through sale or gift by the establishment, or provided that the establishment is deemed to be an establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter regardless of how or by whom said liquors were provided, between the hours of 2:30 a.m. on Sunday and 6:00 a.m. on Monday and between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is prohibited.

(h) Sales by certain establishments; closings required. Any establishment where intoxicating, spirituous, alcoholic, vinous or malt liquors, whether more or less than six (6) per cent of alcohol by volume, are the principal commodities sold or handled or any establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter, shall close and remain closed continuously between the hours of 2:30 a.m. on Sunday and 6:00 a.m. on Monday and between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This subsection includes, but is not limited to, the bar or cocktail lounge portion of any hotel, motel or restaurant.

(i) Violations and penalties. Upon the first conviction of violating any of the provisions of this section, the violator's permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be suspended for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing upon the final judgment of said conviction. Upon the second conviction of violating any of the provisions of this section, the violator's permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be suspended for a period of thirty (30) days commencing the day following the final judgment of said conviction. Upon the third or subsequent conviction of violating any of the provisions of this section, the violator's permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be revoked effective the day following the final judgment of said conviction.

Sec. 3-5. Sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the corporate limits, open containers prohibited and defined, exceptions.

(a) Except as provided for herein, it shall be unlawful for any person, including all holders of retail or wholesale dealer permits or licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter, for any agent, employee, servant or other representative of said permittee or licensee to sell alcoholic beverages, or in the case of an establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages, on streets, sidewalks or other public rights-of-way, public grounds, parking lots or outside any public business or building.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages of high or low alcoholic content or in immediate possession or control of an open container, bottle, cup, glass, can or other device which is not completely sealed containing alcoholic beverages while standing or walking on public streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, parks, playgrounds, parking lots, grounds of any business or other public place owned by a governmental entity, including but not limited to the City of Crowley, within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley.

(c) (1) The sale of alcoholic beverages with high and low alcoholic content sold either by the City of Crowley or the International Rice Festival Association as an approved concessionaire during the International Rice Festival and the possession and consumption of such alcoholic beverages by those individuals who have purchased from the City of Crowley, the Crowley Police Department or the International Rice Festival Association an identification badge, armband or other identification device approved by the City of Crowley shall be permitted during the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the International Rice Festival beginning 5:00 p.m. to midnight on Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Friday and 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Saturday. After midnight, all sales of alcoholic beverages shall cease and the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in permitted containers shall cease no later than 12:30 a.m.

(2) All permittees/licensees with licensed premises situated within the boundary defined as the International Rice Festival area shall make available on the premises an International Rice Festival identification device approved by the City of Crowley to any person upon exiting the licensed premises in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

(3) All permittees/licensees shall post at all exits of the licensed premises a sign with red letters no less than three (3) inches in height and two (2) inches in width warning persons that prior to exiting the licensed premises with an alcoholic beverage they must obtain an approved International Rice Festival identification device.

(4) All permittees/licensees shall obtain and execute a receipt for a minimum of one package of International Rice Festival identification devices approved by the City of Crowley from the International Rice Festival headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday of the International Rice Festival. All permittees/licensees shall receive credit for all identification devices returned on or before 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday following the International Rice Festival and shall pay the amount due for all identification devices not returned.

(d) Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by those persons possessing the proper identification device shall be permitted in an open paper, plastic, Styrofoam cup or other similar container within the area of the International Rice Festival which is defined as follows:

From the intersection of 6th Street and Parkerson Avenue extending one block on either side of Parkerson Avenue to Avenue G, from the western right-of-way of Avenue F to the eastern right-of-way of Avenue G, southerly to the intersection of the centerline of the main railroad track formerly known as the Southern Pacific.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess either on his person, in his/her immediate control, in any automobile or vehicle or in any other manner, any alcoholic beverage of high or low alcoholic content in any public streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, parks, church ground, school ground, playgrounds, parking lots, grounds of any business or other public place, except that the possession of alcoholic beverages for sale and the consumption thereof shall be permissible in any other public park, place or facility so long as the event is sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of Crowley and/or a non-profit and the non-profit shall have obtained a permit from the mayor and chief of police for a fair, festival, tournament or public event provided that the sponsor and/or co-sponsor has executed a contract with and/or has paid the rental fee to the City of Crowley or has the permission of the property owner and has obtained a permit to sale and serve alcoholic beverages of low and high alcoholic content on the dates and hours as specified in the permit granted by the mayor and chief.

For the purposes of this section, the area designated and defined in the permit or if a building shall be in the area in which the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages may occur.

Sec. 3-6. Serving outside of licensed premises.

It shall be unlawful for any person to serve alcoholic beverages, beverages or in the case of an establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages, outside of the place of business or premises for which the permit and license are granted in accordance with this chapter; provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the delivery of such beverages in unbroken or unopened packages or containers.

Sec. 3-20. Permit required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or in any manner deal in, either directly or indirectly, in the city, any alcoholic beverage without first obtaining from the governing authority an annual permit, expiring on December thirty-first after the date of issuance, to engage in such business and paying the license tax hereinafter provided for in certain cases.

(b) Any person who charges or collects a gate fee, admission charge, cover charge, membership fee or any other fee or charge for the right to enter into or upon any premises or attend any event in or upon the premises situated in the City of Crowley at which any alcoholic beverage is sold, served or consumed, regardless of by whom served, shall be deemed to be indirectly dealing in, alcoholic beverages as set forth in paragraph (a) above and subject to the provisions of said paragraph (a) and all other provisions of this chapter.

© Each day's conduct of business by a wholesaler or retailer whose permit has been withheld or refused, or whose permit has been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this article shall constitute a separate offense, and each day's violation of any of the provisions of this article shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 3-23. Separate permits for each location; nontransferability.

Separate permits shall be required for each place where alcoholic beverages, as herein defined, are sold, either at wholesale or retail, or each place where an establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter allows the consumption of alcoholic beverages,. All permits, when issued, shall be personal to the permittee and shall not be transferable or assignable. Each such permit and the license issued hereunder shall be for the personal use of the applicant; provided that a duly qualified officer or agent of a firm, corporation or association of persons duly qualified to do business in the state may obtain a permit for same, provided that such officer or agent has the qualifications required for a personal or individual permit and in such application shall designate the firm, corporation or association of persons in whose name said permit is desired. If the business changes hands during the period for which the permit runs, a new permit must be applied for and a new license and permit obtained and paid for.

Sec. 3-26. Change in place of business.

The sale, either at wholesale or retail, where authorized, or in the case of an establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter, the consumption of alcoholic beverages, where authorized, for such beverages shall be conducted only in the place of business or premises specified and designated in the application for the permit and in the permit issued, and no change of place of business shall be allowed except after written application to and with the approval and consent of the governing authority, who shall have full power to approve or deny any such change in the same manner as is provided for the issuance or rejection of any original application for a permit.

Sec. 3-27. License required; taxes.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any business for which a permit is required herein without first obtaining from the city the proper license to engage in such business. Any person granted a permit shall pay to the city a license tax in the following amount:

(1) For the operation of a business under this article where such beverages, the alcoholic content of which is more than six (6) per cent by volume, are sold or distributed to be consumed upon the premises, or in the case of an establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter, are allowed to be consumed upon the premises, a license tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each license.

(2) For the operation of a business under this article where such beverages, the alcoholic content of which is more than six (6) per cent by volume, are sold in original or unbroken packages only, and whether sold by such dealer or otherwise, not to be consumed on the premises or in the place of business for which permit is issued, a license tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each license.

(3) For the operation of a business under this article where such beverages, the alcoholic content of which is more than six (6) per cent by volume, are sold or distributed at wholesale only, a license tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each license.

(4) For the operation of a business under this article where beer, ale, porter, wine or fruit juices of an alcoholic content in excess of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) per cent by volume and not more than six (6) per cent by volume are sold or distributed only for consumption on the premises or in the place of business of licensee, or in the case of an establishment that deals indirectly in alcoholic beverages as set forth in Sec. 3-20(b) of this chapter, are allowed to be consumed upon the premises, a license tax of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per year, known as a Class A retail dealer's permit.

(5) For the operation of a business under this article where beer, ale, porter, wine or fruit juices of an alcoholic content in excess of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) per cent by volume and not more than six (6) per cent by volume are sold or distributed only for consumption off the premises of licensee, a license tax of sixty dollars (\$60.00), known as a Class B retailer dealer's permit.

(6) For the operation of a business under this article where beer, ale, porter, wine or fruit juices as described above are sold or distributed at wholesale only, a license tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), known as a Class C wholesale dealer's permit for wholesalers who maintain a regular branch or place of business within the corporate limits.

Provided that the license taxes established in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3) hereof for the balance of the year, of any person beginning the operation at any of the

businesses therein described after June 30 of any year shall be one-half (½) of the amounts stated in said subsections.

(b) Said payments shall entitle the licensee to a license expiring on December 31 after date of issuance. The suspension, revocation, cancellation, surrender or abandonment of any permit or license at any time shall not entitle the holder to claim or to recover from the city any part or portion of the original fee or sum paid for such permit and license. All permits and licenses issued hereunder shall be nontransferable and are personal to the permittee and licensee. The license tax payments hereinabove provided for shall be due and payable on the first day of January each year, and such payments shall become delinquent on the tenth day of said month. After the delinquency date a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first month, minimum, and thereafter ten (10) per cent of the amount of the license tax per month, or fraction of a month from the due date, shall be charged and collected in addition to said payments, and if sued on or placed in the hands of the city attorney for collection, the delinquent owing for such license shall pay attorney's fees of twenty-five (25) per cent of the aggregate amount of the license and penalty.

(c) The exposing of any such beverage, in any quantity whatsoever or the advertising of same for sale or distribution in any place of business within the city shall be deemed sufficient evidence of any intention to sell same, and shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this article to the same extent as if a sale is made without the permit and license herein required.

SECTION 2: If any provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance and do hereby declare the provisions hereof to be severable, then in that event, only that particular provision, part, word, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, parts, words, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases will not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE, SIGNED AND ADOPTED in regular session duly convened at Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, on this the 18th day of November, 2025, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

A motion was made by Alderman Brad Core and seconded by Alderman Chuck Ashby to adopt an to amend Chapter 10; Article II; Division 1.5; Sec. 10-30 to adjust the sewer user fees and rates to adopt the rate necessary to provide adequate revenue in accordance with the city clerk's certification of the recommendations of the special sewer user fee review committee determined upon the committee's review and consideration of certification of the necessary rate by the City Clerk, City Engineer, City CPA, and City Auditor; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary thereto or in conflict therewith; to provide for the provisions hereof to be severable; and to provide for all matters relative thereto.. Mayor Monceaux opened the floor for discussion. There being no remarks from the Council. A roll was called with the vote as follows:

Yeas: Chuck Ashby, Katie Chiasson, Jeff Dore, Brad Core and Bryon Wilridge.

Nays: Vernon Martin.

Absent: Dickie Latiolais and Samuel Reggie.

Abstained: None.

The ordinance passed by a vote of 1 nays, 2 absent and 6 yeas. The ordinance carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1553

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10; ARTICLE II; DIVISION 1.5; SEC. 10-30 TO ADJUST THE SEWER USER FEES AND RATES TO ADOPT THE RATE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE REVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL SEWER USER FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE DETERMINED UPON THE COMMITTEE'S REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATION OF THE NECESSARY RATE BY THE CITY CLERK, CITY ENGINEER, CITY CPA, AND CITY AUDITOR; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONS HEREOF TO BE SEVERABLE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public health and welfare of the City of Crowley and its citizens that the city's sewerage plant and sewerage system be operated and managed so as to ensure its viability and ability to operate as a self-sustaining and properly functioning sewerage system now and in the future;

WHEREAS, collection of adequate sewer user fees is a crucial component of ensuring that the sewerage system is able to operate as a self-sustaining and properly functioning sewerage system now and in the future;

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, city ordinances, specifically, Chapter 10; Article II; Division 1.5; Sec. 10-36, provide for an annual review of sewer user fees by a Special Review Committee for the purpose of certifying to the mayor and board of alderman the rates necessary to provide at a minimum sufficient revenue to cover the actual cost of administration, operation, maintenance, extension, development, replacement and improvement, including debt service and reserve requirements on any sewerage revenue bond of the sewerage system;

WHEREAS, a rate analysis was conducted by the city clerk, city engineer, and the city CPA based upon a compilation of annual expenses and revenues collected from monthly sewer user fees, and based upon such analysis recommendations were made to the Special Review Committee which recommendations were reviewed and duly certified by the City auditor in accordance with city ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Special Review Committee was duly appointed and a meeting thereof was duly noticed and called in accordance with state law and municipal ordinances at which meeting the

Special Review Committee considered and analyzed the certified recommendations of the city clerk, city engineer, and the city CPA;

WHEREAS, upon such consideration and analysis the Special Review Committee hereby recommends to the Mayor and Board of Alderman a rate adjustment as set forth herein below which recommendations have been certified by the City Clerk in accordance with City ordinance;

WHEREAS, this ordinance was duly introduced and notice of the intent to adopt this ordinance and of the public hearing held in connection therewith has been published in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law in regular session on the 18th day of November, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. at Council Chambers in the Criminal Justice Building, Crowley, Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENED, THAT:

SECTION 1: That in accordance with the duly certified recommendations of the Special Review Committee Chapter 10; Article II; Division 1.5; Sec. 10-30 Chapter 7 - Criminal Code of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley be and it is hereby amended to adjust sewer user fee rates such that Sec 10-30 shall read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 10-30. User fee.

- (a) There is hereby authorized to be collected by the city from each contributor, for bills rendered after January 18, 2026, a monthly sewerage service charge or user fee to pay the reasonable and necessary costs of administration, operation, maintenance, replacement and improvement of the sewerage system, including the payment of debt services and reserve requirements on sewer revenue bonds of the city issued for the purposes of acquiring and construction of additions and improvements to the sewerage system of the city as follows:
 - (1) In the utility service area, for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons or less of wastewater discharge, a base user fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per month for each contributor; plus
 - (2) In the utility service area, for wastewater discharge in excess of two thousand (2,000) gallons, a user fee in the amount of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of wastewater discharge or portion thereof will be added to the sewer user fee.
 - (3) In the utility service area, customers outside of the corporate limits, except the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and the detention center facilities located on Capital Avenue, shall pay for wastewater discharge for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons or less, a base user fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month for each contributor; the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and the detention center facilities shall pay the same base rate for customers located within the corporate limits; plus
 - (4) In the utility service area, customers outside of the corporate limits, except the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and the detention center facilities located on Capital Avenue, shall pay for wastewater discharge in excess of two thousand

(2,000) gallons, a user fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of wastewater discharge or portion thereof will be added to the sewer user fee. The Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and the detention center facilities shall pay the same rate for customers located within the corporate limits.

- (5) In the utility service area, in addition to the amounts above, the surcharge referred to in subsection 10-32(7) for discharge of wastewater exceeding the strength of two hundred (200) parts per million in biochemical oxygen demand or two hundred fifty (250) parts per million in total suspended solids.
- (6) In the utility service area, in addition to the amounts above, the connection, reconnection charges and late charges, including interest for nonpayment or late payment of the user fee.
- (b) There is hereby additionally authorized to be collected by the city from each contributor, for bills rendered after January 18, 2026, and each year thereafter, for the purposes provided for above, a monthly sewer service charge or user fee in the aggregate amounts described in subsections (a)(1) through (a)(3) above, subject to adjustments as may hereafter be adopted and approved by the governing authority of the city each year in accordance with the provisions of this division.

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There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion duly made by Alderwoman Sandry Marx and seconded by Alderman Jeff Dore the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

CHAD MONCEAUX, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHANTEL ALLEMAN, CITY CLERK

Presented rough draft to Mayor on 11/18/25 at 7:30 AM/PM.
Presented for Mayor signature on _____ at _____ AM/PM.
Mayor signed & returned to City Clerk on _____ at _____ AM/PM.
Publish in newspaper on _____